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SUBJ :19,000 MOZAMBICANS RESETTLED IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SAG SOURCE, 19,000 RPT 19,000 WHITE MOZAMBIQANS HAVE RESETTLED IN SOUTH AFRICA SINCE SEPTEMBER 1974. ANOTHER 6,000 HAVE EITHER RETURNED TO MOZAMBIQUE OR HAVE TRAVELED TO PORTUGAL,BRAZIL,OR ELSEWHERE. THESE FIGURES,WHICH ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN OTHERS CIRCULATED IN PAST MONTHS,WERE MADE PUBLIC BY SAG MINISTER OF INTERIOR,DR.CONNIE MULDER, AND CONFIRMED TO US BY PORTUGUESE EMBASSY.

2.RELEASE OF FIGURES PROMPTED BY FLURRY OF PRESS REPORTS

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THAT APPROXIMATELY 200 REFUGEES STILL HELD IN CULLINAN

RESETTLEMENT CAMP ARE PROTESTING SAG DECISION NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO SETTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA. MULDER ANNOUNCED STATISTICS TO SUPPORT HIS CONTENTION THAT SAG HAS ACTED RESPONSIBLY AND HUMANELY IN DEALINGS WITH REFUGEES. MULDER ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT INDIVIDUALS STILL IN CAMP WOULD NOT BE SENT BACK TO MOZAMBIQUE AGAINST THEIR WILL BUT WOULD BE REPATRIATED BY GOP TO PORTUGAL OR OTHER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES.

3. PORTUGUESE EMBOFF TOLD POL COUNSELOR FEB 19 THAT MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE REPATRIATED ARE UNSKILLED WORKERS, ELDERLY PEOPLE WITH NO FAMILY TO SUPPORT THEM IN SOUTH AFRICA, ' A FEW MIXED (WHITE-MESTIZO) COUPLES AND THEIR CHILDREN,' AND A SMALL NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE SECURITY POLICE (DGS).

4. COMMENT: FIGURE OF 19,000 MOZAMBIQUE ESPATRIATES RELOCATED HERE TESTIFIES TO TWO POLITICAL FACTS OF LIFE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: THE EXODUS OF LARGE NUMBER OF WHITES FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND SOUTH AFRICA'S CONSIDERABLE THIRST AND ABSORTIVE CAPACITY FOR WHITE IMMIGRANTS. FAILURE OF SAG TO RELEASE STATISTICS AT AN EARLIER DATE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED, AT LEAST IN PART, BY UNWILLINGNESS TO ALIENATE EITHER FRELIMO OR DOMESTIC HARD CORE AFRIKANER CONSERVATIVES WHO HAVE TRADITIONALLY WORRIED ABOUT MASSIVE INFLUX OF CATHOLICS FROM PATS.

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